

ORDINANCE NO. 527

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY  
OF JEFFERSON, IOWA, 2008, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER  
PROVIDING FOR OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

Be it enacted by the City Council of Jefferson, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Chapter Added. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2008, is amended by adding new Chapter 77, entitled Golf Carts, as follows:

**CHAPTER 77**

**GOLF CARTS**

77.01 Purpose

77.02 Definition

77.03 Traffic Code Applies

77.04 Riding on Golf Carts

77.05 Prohibited Streets and Areas

77.06 Driver's License Required

77.07 Equipment

77.08 Hours of Operation

**77.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on streets in the City as authorized by Section 321.247 of the Code of Iowa, as amended. This chapter applies whenever a golf cart is operated on any street or alley.

**77.02 DEFINITION.** "Golf cart" means a three or four wheeled recreational vehicle generally used for the transportation of persons in the sport of golf on a golf course. Golf cart does not include an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or other similarly designed and operated vehicles.

**77.03 TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES.** Every person operating a golf cart upon a street or alley shall be granted all of the rights and privileges and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations applicable to the driver of a vehicle and to the laws of the State declaring the rules of the road applicable to the driver of the vehicle, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

**77.04 RIDING ON GOLF CARTS.** The number of riders on a golf cart shall not exceed the number of occupants for which the golf cart is designed. All riders must be seated on a seat designed for that purpose and seats shall not be overcrowded.

**77.05 PROHIBITED STREETS.** Golf carts shall not be operated upon any City street that is a primary road extension through the City, however, golf carts may cross such primary road extensions. For purposes of this Chapter primary road extensions shall include State Highway No. 4 and any detour established for such highway from time to time.

**77.06 MINIMUM AGE; DRIVER'S LICENSE.** Any person operating a golf cart upon any City street must be 16 years of age or older and have in his possession a valid motor vehicle driver's license.

**77.07 EQUIPMENT.** Golf carts operated upon any street shall be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag and shall have adequate brakes. Golf carts operated upon any streets shall also be equipped with all lighting equipment required for motor vehicles operating upon a highway within the State of Iowa.

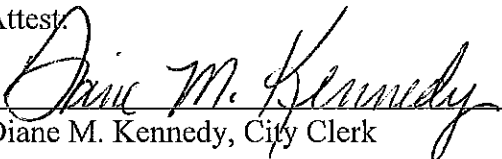
**77.08 HOURS OF OPERATION.** Golf carts may be operated on City streets only from sunrise to sunset.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

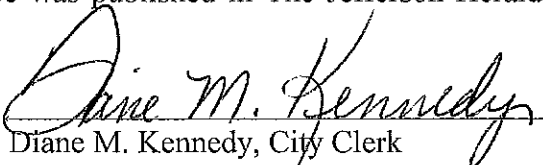
SECTION 4. When effective. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Finally passed by the Council on June 28, 2011, and approved on June 28, 2011.

  
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Craig J. Berry, Mayor

Attest.  
  
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Diane M. Kennedy, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was published in The Jefferson Herald on July 7, 2011.

  
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Diane M. Kennedy, City Clerk